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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BARBADOS FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and a complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of African horse sickness, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, glanders, dourine, melioidosis, equine pox, Japanese encephalitis, and foot-and-mouth disease.
2. The animals have been examined within 48 hours of exportation and found to be in good health and free of symptoms of infectious and contagious disease.
3. During the past three (3) months, the horse has not suffered from any of the diseases listed below, nor has this horse, during this period, been on any premises where these diseases have occurred:

vesicular stomatitis, anthrax, contagious equine metritis, dourine, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine infectious anaemia, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, equine viral encephalomyelitis, glanders, rabies, scabies, or any other diseases of horses that are notifiable.

4. So far as can be determined, the animal has not, during the last six (6) months, been in any country in which:
  - (a) African Horse Sickness has occurred in the last two (2) years or in which vaccination against African Horse Sickness has been practiced for the past two (2) years.
  - (b) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred during the past two (2) years.
5. The animal has not been vaccinated against equine viral arteritis;
6. The animal has not been vaccinated against equine encephalomyelitis during the past thirty (30) days and there has been no outbreak of equine encephalomyelitis within a thirty (30)

- kilometer radius of the place of isolation within the past six (6) months;
7. The animal has been fully immunized with an inactivated vaccine against equine rhinopneumonitis and equine influenza within the past ninety (90) days.
  8. The animal(s) was isolated for at least 30 days in a facility approved by a USDA/APHIS veterinarian and under the supervision of a USDA-accredited veterinarian.
  9. ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR BREEDING ANIMALS
    - a. Mares  
So far as it is possible to ascertain, the animal has never been bred to a stallion known to have been infected with the CEM organism (*Taylorella Equigenitalis*) and the organism has never been isolated from this mare.
    - b. Stallions  
So far as it is possible to ascertain, the CEM organism has never been isolated from this stallion.

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

No less than 21 days after the commencement of isolation and within 15 days of export, the horses were tested with negative results for the following diseases:

1. Equine infectious anemia: Agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test.
2. Potomac horse fever (*Ehrlichia risticii*): Indirect fluorescent antibody test.
3. Equine Viral Arteritis: Serum neutralization test at 1:4 dilution.
4. Contagious equine metritis: culture (can be conducted within 30 days of export)

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. The animals must be isolated for at least 30 days prior to export under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian.
2. The animals must be conveyed directly from the place of isolation to Barbados without coming into contact with horses not similarly certified in a vehicle previously cleaned and disinfected using an approved disinfectant.

## EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.